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Vectors (9 – 1) Topic booklet

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These questions have been collated from previous years GCSE Mathematics papers.

You must have: Ruler graduated in centimetres and millimetres, protractor, pair of compasses, pen, HB pencil, eraser.

Total Marks

Instructions

•Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.

•Fill in the boxes at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.

- •Answer all questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
- there may be more space than you need.

•Diagrams are NOT accurately drawn, unless otherwise indicated.

•You must show all your working out.

•If the question is a **1F** question you are not allowed to use a calculator.

•If the question is a 2F or a 3F question, you may use a calculator to help you answer.

Information

•The marks for each question are shown in brackets

- use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

Advice

- •Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- •Keep an eye on the time.
- •Try to answer every question.
- •Check your answers if you have time at the end.

Answer ALL questions Write your answers in the space provided. You must write down all the stages in your working.

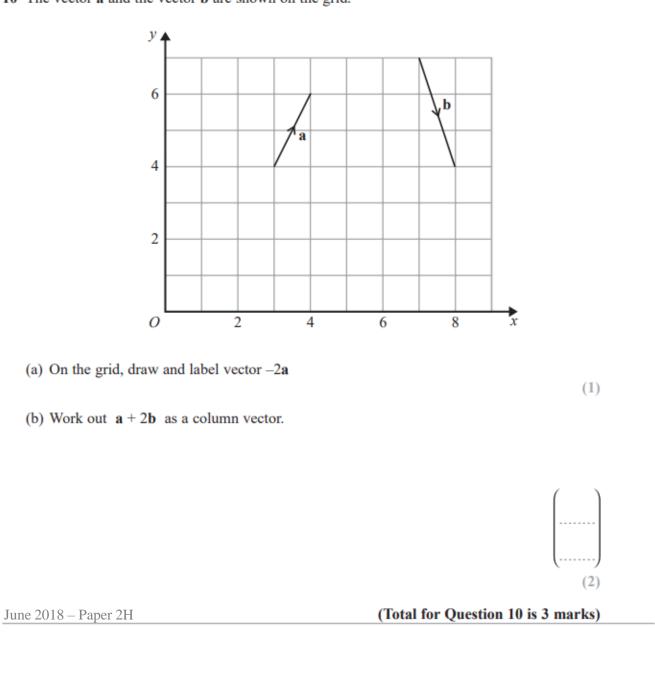
 $\mathbf{6} \quad \mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \qquad \qquad \mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

Find $2\mathbf{a} - 3\mathbf{b}$ as a column vector.

November 2020 – Paper 2H

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)





13 a and b are vectors such that

$$\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$$
 and $3\mathbf{a} - 2\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ -17 \end{pmatrix}$

Find **b** as a column vector.

June 2022 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 13 is 3 marks)

15 A, B and C are three points such that

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = 3\mathbf{a} + 4\mathbf{b}$$
$$\overrightarrow{AC} = 15\mathbf{a} + 20\mathbf{b}$$

(a) Prove that A, B and C lie on a straight line.

(2)

D, E and F are three points on a straight line such that

$$\overrightarrow{DE} = 3\mathbf{e} + 6\mathbf{f}$$
$$\overrightarrow{EF} = -10.5\mathbf{e} - 21\mathbf{f}$$

(b) Find the ratio

length of *DF* : length of *DE*

(3)

June 2022 – Paper 1H

(Total for Question 15 is 5 marks)

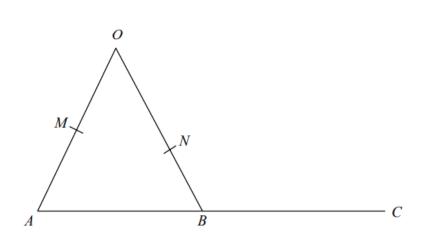
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D is the point on *OB* such that OD:DB = 2:3*E* is the point on *BC* such that BE:EC = 1:4

Work out the vector \overrightarrow{DE} in terms of **a** and **b**. Give your answer in its simplest form.

November 2021 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 18 is 4 marks)



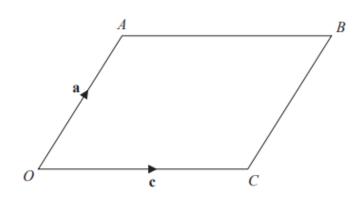
OMA, ONB and *ABC* are straight lines. *M* is the midpoint of *OA*. *B* is the midpoint of *AC*. $\overrightarrow{OA} = 6\mathbf{a}$ $\overrightarrow{OB} = 6\mathbf{b}$ $\overrightarrow{ON} = k\mathbf{b}$ where *k* is a scalar quantity.

Given that *MNC* is a straight line, find the value of *k*.

Sample 1 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 18 is 5 marks)

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OABC is a parallelogram.

 $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$ and $\overrightarrow{OC} = \mathbf{c}$

X is the midpoint of the line AC. OCD is a straight line so that OC : CD = k : 1

Given that $\overrightarrow{XD} = 3\mathbf{c} - \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{a}$

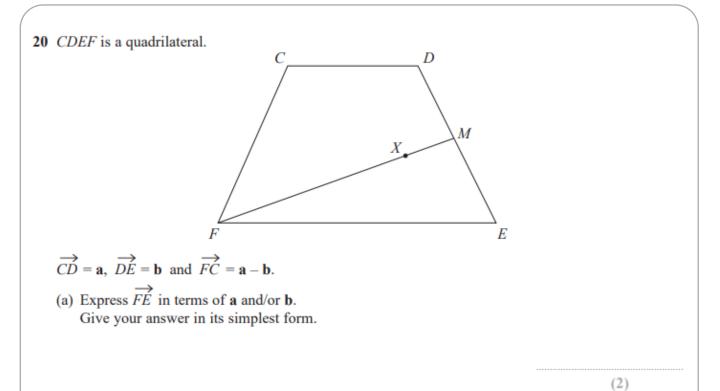
find the value of k.

k =

May 2017 – Paper 1H

(Total for Question 19 is 4 marks)

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M is the midpoint of *DE*. *X* is the point on *FM* such that FX:XM = n:1*CXE* is a straight line.

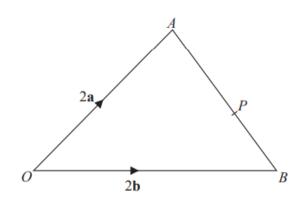
(b) Work out the value of *n*.

n =

(4)

June 2019 – Paper 2H

(Total for Question 20 is 6 marks)



OAB is a triangle. *P* is the point on *AB* such that AP:PB = 5:3

 $\overrightarrow{OA} = 2\mathbf{a}$

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 $\overrightarrow{OB} = 2\mathbf{b}$

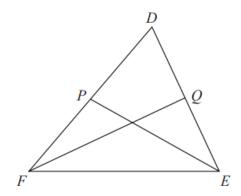
 $\overrightarrow{OP} = k(3\mathbf{a} + 5\mathbf{b})$ where k is a scalar quantity.

Find the value of *k*.

Specimen 2 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 20 is 4 marks)

21 *DEF* is a triangle.



P is the midpoint of FD. Q is the midpoint of DE.

 $\overrightarrow{FD} = \mathbf{a}$ and $\overrightarrow{FE} = \mathbf{b}$

Use a vector method to prove that PQ is parallel to FE.

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(Total for Question 21 is 4 marks)

OAB is a triangle. *OPM* and *APN* are straight lines. *M* is the midpoint of *AB*.

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a}$$
 $\overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$

OP: PM = 3:2

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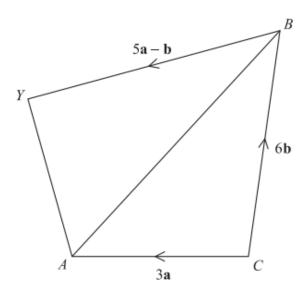
Work out the ratio ON:NB

OAN, OMB and APB are straight lines. AN = 2OA. M is the midpoint of OB.

 $\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{a} \qquad \overrightarrow{OB} = \mathbf{b}$

 $\overrightarrow{AP} = k\overrightarrow{AB}$ where k is a scalar quantity.

Given that MPN is a straight line, find the value of k.



CAYB is a quadrilateral.

 $\overrightarrow{CA} = 3\mathbf{a}$ $\overrightarrow{CB} = 6\mathbf{b}$ $\overrightarrow{BY} = 5\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$

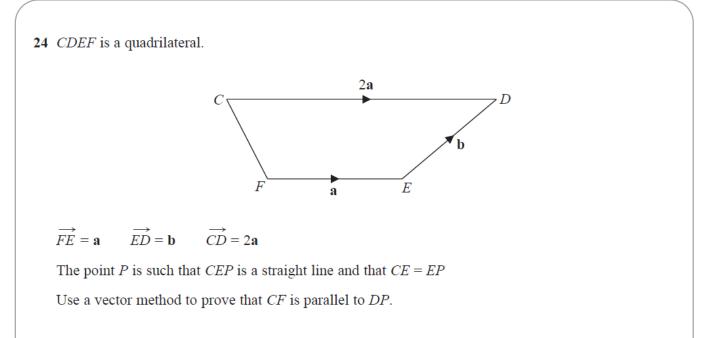
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X is the point on AB such that AX: XB = 1:2

Prove that $\overrightarrow{CX} = \frac{2}{5} \overrightarrow{CY}$

Specimen 1 – Paper 1H

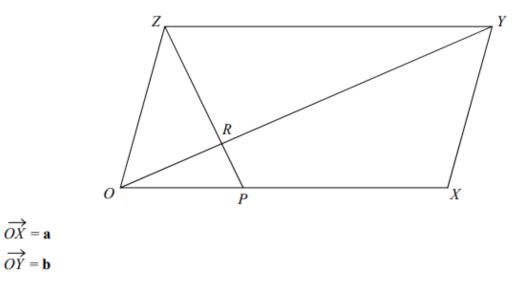
(Total for Question 22 is 5 marks)



November 2022 – Paper 3H

(Total for Question 24 is 4 marks)

24 OXYZ is a parallelogram.



P is the point on *OX* such that OP: PX = 1:2*R* is the point on *OY* such that OR: RY = 1:3

Work out, in its simplest form, the ratio *ZP*: *ZR* You must show all your working.

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(Total for Question 24 is 5 marks)